

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 7-8, 10-12, and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakai et al. (Published U.S. application 2003/0012550). Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan et al. (U.S. Patent 6,169,843). Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan and Nakatani et al. (U.S. Patent 6,118,924).

The present claims now recite "said clip stream type information included in the clip information for said Bridge Clip AV stream indicates that said third AV stream is a Bridge Clip AV stream." (Claims 1, 7-8, 10-12, and 14) The clip stream type information corresponds to the Clip_stream_type shown in Figure 101 and described in paragraph 464. The clip stream type information indicates whether the third AV stream is a Bridge Clip AV stream or a regular AV stream. Sakai is not concerned with whether the video signal is a combined AV stream (i.e. a Bridge Clip AV stream) and therefore does not disclose analogous clip stream type information as recited in the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Sakai, Lenihan, and Nakatani (alone or in combination) fails to meet all of the recited limitations, and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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